

# **SEAFORTH PAC AGM MEETING**

**June 16, 2010**

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**Executive in Attendance:** Nandita Narayan, Lynne Vidler, Abby Wong, Shannon Derksen, Jen Mezei, Denise Hayhurst, Ann Einstein, Zena Kwan, Patricia Narvaez, Siva Ramesh.

**Regrets:** Rhylin Bailie, Selina Pirmohamed

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*Meeting started ~7:15pm*

- Approval of May Minutes:

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Nandita Narayan**

- Introduction of and welcome to Dorothy Joyce – new principal
- MaryAnn Giardini is collecting donations for Ms. O'Reilly's retirement
- Edmond's Charity Drive – next week June 21<sup>st</sup>. Send in donations all week next week. Need drivers to volunteer to bring the stuff to Edmond's. Items requested (for needy families) – cereal, juice, canned foods, clothing, household items, milk in tetra packs, toothpaste, etc.
- Friends Uniting for Nature (will be sent out via newsletter) – environmental leadership day camps. Occurring at UBC – topics covered include reducing footprint, leadership skills, interpersonal skills development, building a solar powered car. Ages 6-16. More details will be sent out in the newsletter.
- Carnival – made approximately \$10, 000 dollars this year!!!!
- Thank you to everyone she worked with, she enjoyed being chair.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT - Abby Wong**

- Carnival earned approximately \$10, 000
- Summary of activities – \$2400 in popcorn sales
- \$10, 768 hot lunch profit (net)
- 2 Book fairs – September and December earned \$2900 for the library – goes to school directly so won't see on statements.
- Photo night brought in \$900 dollars – also goes directly to school
- Parent donations totaled \$8825
- Parents presentations – not a money-maker; educational benefits though!
- Movie nights – great money maker
- Gift cards – brought in \$500
- Coffee Mugs – not a money maker, but the mugs will make excellent gifts for guest speakers!
- Sports Day – brought in \$400

- End of year approximately \$3000 left over – if more bills coming this amount will decrease – remainder to be sent on sound system for library and PC refresh
- Detailed explanation for each expenditure on next year's budget provided as handouts during meeting.
- Comment from audience: hot lunch came in under the budget – this is because we didn't run the hot lunch for sports day. Next year might want to take into account – that the grad committee will do a hot lunch. That will eat into the profit (\$600 to \$700 per lunch) and we have about 15 lunches each year.
- Question from the audience – did we ever find the babysitting kit? NO. Nandita asked that if we have items to donate, please do so. Items for crafts, movies, DVDs, and a big tub. Leave donations at office in a bag that says PAC Chair. Crayons, markers, stickers, scissors, glue, etc.

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### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT – Dorothy Joyce/Keith Chong**

Dorothy Joyce

- Appreciates invitation to speak at this meeting.
- Brief Bio – Dorothy believes in professional development and growth, life long learning, that parents are partners in learning, formative assessment open communication, that standards should be high and that the needs of all learners should be met.
- She recognizes that we work hard to provide programs for our children – the Seaforth PAC reputation is known and she respects parent involvement here and the strong community and traditions. Her plans are not to come here and change every thing; she wants to learn about us and the kids.
- She is coming from Marlboro School (twice the size of Seaforth). She is a good listener. Dorothy will be asking each child their name and what they are reading.
- Dorothy came to BC 30 years ago from Nova Scotia. Dorothy taught in Coquitlam as a language consultant. She has a BA in French, an MA from SFU. She was principal at Buckingham School, then spent 6 years at Sperling School, she worked in the Board office as District principal for 5 years. She has been involved in literacy programs, kindergarten to grade 12, staff development (area of passion, in all areas of instruction), staffing all Burnaby schools.
- Dorothy is a supporter of Fine Arts – a music lover.
- Very happy to be here at Seaforth!

Keith Chong

- Media event recently occurred at Seaforth – Mme. Gillingham works with several classes and in particular she got students involved in an anti-racism government contest. One class created a CD cover to expound the virtues of anti-racism. All across BC there were over 500 entries. At

Seaforth one of our students was a finalist (Jaime Vandenbrock in grade 7) and another of our students (Elizabeth Lu – Mr. Leprelli's class [please pardon any incorrect spellings of names]) won the whole contest. The CD is being distributed to all schools – all intermediate kids will get a copy. The CD contains music and different pieces to make a strong case against racism. Keith received a call from the government organization in charge of the contest asking to visit Seaforth along with the Minister of Education and Citizenship Services, members of the Burnaby school board, other federal representatives, newspapers, etc. The media ran a clip of the award presentation in the gym. All of the politicians there, MLA's, the Board, trustees, etc. all commented on how great our kids are. This event served to demonstrate how great our kids are and how hard our teachers work.

- Number of students did well in public speaking contests.
- Keith noted that he will really miss seeing the kid's achievements.
- Keith thanks us and will miss us – he commends us for the work we do – it's why our kids do so well, we all work as a team.
- Spirit Day - Keith's email address won't change and he will be happy to work with us in the fall to organize Spirit Day. We will need Dorothy's approval.

### **ELECTIONS FOR 2010/2011 PAC EXECUTIVE – JEN MEZEI**

#### **Nominations:**

- Chair – split into two co-chair positions for 2010/2011. Co-chair 1: Nandita Narayan. Co-chair 2: Cynthia Mah
- Vice-Chair – Zena Kwan
- **Treasurer - vacant**
- Secretary – Kenisha Gordillo (Maryann Giardini as back-up)
- DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) – Maryann Giardini, Nandita Narayan (past chair)
- CPF (Canadian Parents for French) – Siva Ramesh, Patricia Narvaez
- Members at Large – Denise Hayhurst, Lynne Vidler, Sandra Riccardi
- SPC (School Planning Committee) – roles include review school plan, data, interpretation of new information (FSA results, etc.) and what implications that has for the school. Oversee how we communicate school performance data to parent groups and how this affects the work of the teachers here. Budget and new school policies are shared with SPC as well. Time commitment varies – generally meet 3x per year. New members always welcome.
- Nominations: Nandita Narayan, Jen Mezei, Ann Einstein

No objections were made to accepting all executive nominations as noted above.

*Adjourned 8:24pm*